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To: Bookbinder, Joseph A
Cc: Boyle, Kathleen L; Foster, Kenneth L; Stone, Laura M; Davies, Jessica X; Walker, Scott C
Subject: FW: Response needed by 10/2 to Survey on PD Efforts in Thailand on the Detainee Issue

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Attachments: Public Diplomacy Outreach Efforts - sub-PCC.doc
Hi Joe,

Sorry – we've been basically "all coup all the time." The Sept 6 speech got modest straight coverage, mostly translations of news wire articles.

The most common issues have been: 1) the question of whether there is a "secret prison" here in (maybe in Udorn) which we have repeatedly denied, and 2) we have also gotten some flap for using a "double standard" when we criticized detention of pro-Thaksin types as being non-transparent.

This is not a major issue for us – obviously right now our thoughts are elsewhere....

All Thai-language dailies on September 8 carried on their foreign news page wire-service reports on President Bush's admittance of overseas CIA prisons. A short report in the independent, English language The Nation (9/8) headlined "No secret US jail here" read, "Representatives of the Foreign Ministry and US embassy yesterday rejected any suggestion that Thailand had hosted one of the secret prisons that US president George Bush acknowledged this week...Foreign Ministry deputy spokesman Kittikhun Chartprasert said yesterday that, despite strong speculation, Thailand never had one of these so-called black sites."

A headline on the foreign page of the sensationalist, Thai language Khao Sot (9/12) read "Thailand refutes American media's revelation of CIA secret prisons". The report read, "Thailand's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Kitti Wasinond dismissed as groundless the New York Times report about the detention and torture of Abu Zubaydah, Osama bin Laden's henchman, in a CIA prison in Thailand. Kitti reaffirmed that the Thai government had never allowed the CIA to use Thailand as a base for secret prisons for the interrogation of terrorist suspects."

Other than the above reports, there were no other commentaries or editorials on the subject.

From: Bookbinder, Joseph A
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Anne and Kit (and Ken and Laura),

I'm writing to follow up with you on the attached action item concerning the detainee issue. I know you've got your hands full working on democracy grants and other issues, but would be grateful if you could send

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me at least a brief response to the survey questions by next Monday, October 2. I've added Ken and Laura to this message as they may want to share their input on this issue.

Thanks and regards,

Joe

From: Bookbinder, Joseph A
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 4:46 PM
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Anne and Kit,

As the EAP/PD Policy Officer, I participate in a weekly Sub-PCC meeting on Public Diplomacy for Detainee Issues. Based on instructions from the NSC and in an effort to enhance and support PD efforts on this issue, the Chairs of the Sub-PCC have prepared a concise one-page survey (see attachment below) for key posts to fill out. I would be grateful if you would take the time to fill out the survey and return it to me by Wednesday morning, Sept. 27 (Washington, DC time). I have been assured that your responses will be passed up the chain of command to the NSC and to others involved in detainee policymaking, so this is a good opportunity to share your thoughts on this issue.

Thank you very much for your time and effort.

Best regards,

Joe



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